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(PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of:
Klaus KRUCKENHAUSER et al.

Application No.: 10/580,275

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Art Unit: N/A

For: VACUUM EXTRACTION UNIT FOR A
DEVICE USED TO STRUCTURE THE
SURFACE OF A WORKPIECE BY MEANS OF
RADIATION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

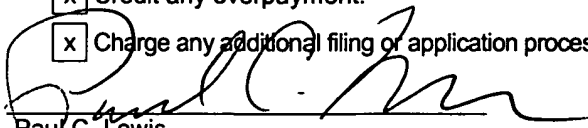
Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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